AMERICANS FIGHT FOR CUBA

Interesting Letter from the Field by Former Nebraskan.

E. C. WATSON AND HIS DARING DEEDS

Authentic Account of Several En engements in Which Those Trained in the United States Army Showed Great Skill.

SIDNEY, Neb., Oct. 5 .- (Special.)-The following letter was received here a few days ago by R. S. Oberfelder, and as it is interesting the thousands who read The Bee may be pleased with its contents, as it is the first authentic and reliable information received from Cuban soil in this part of the country. Watson was formerly a private in the Twenty-first United States infantry, stationed at Fort Sidney:

'IN CAMP, SANTIAGO DE CUBA, Sept. 16 .- R. S. Oberfelder, Sidney, Neb., U. S. A .: My Dear Sir-You will be surprised to receive a letter from me at this point, but I and all my Sidney friends. I got my commission at Tampa, Fla., on March 1, 1895, for a captaincy in the Cuban army at \$100 per month, payable in gold (and I get it), but the conditions were that I was to take charge of an independent company and to have the pick of my own men. I went to New Orleans and, as luck would have it, got five ex-United States cavalrymen and a very smart German who graduated at Leipsic, Germany, in chemistry and is an expert in making all kinds of explosives. I also picked up a young graduate of Rush Medical college and got him a commission at \$75 per month. We started from Tampa, Fla., on a small steamer on March 12, 1895, and landed with-out any trouble near Santiago de Cuba. I reported in person to General Maceo and he ive me carte blanche to pick out my men. selected forty-two whites and fifty colored and I have the best drilled and disciplined

men in the Cuban army.
"I selected from the armory 100 44-caliber rifles. 20,000 rounds of ammunition and a complete reloading outfit. My camp equipage is not of the best. I have plenty of bedding and canvas paulins, two tents and at all times plenty of grub. I established head-quarters near a small town where we had

quarters near a small town where we had plenty of sympathizers.

"Now I will describe the soldiers that were sent from Spain. They are a young lot of boys, who are not acclimated and are dying like sheep. They have little bedding and a small rubber cape to cover their shoulders and all are armed with the Mansur rifles and machetes. A machete is a flat piece of steel with a sharp edge and a long handle and looks like a scythe used by the section men on the American railroads for cutting weeds, and is as much use in a charge as a club.

"My commission gives me the privilege to "My commission gives me the privilege to forage on the enemy and destroy all property belonging to the sympathizers of the government. Since my arrival here my company has been in several engagements. I sent out a scouting party, in charge of Lieu-terant Hamilton, a former private in the Seventh United States cavalry. He returned in two hours, reporting that he came across twenty-two Spanish soldiers in camp, eating dinner and with no guards out. He ap proached within 200 yards of their camp.

DETAILS OF AN ENGAGEMENT. took seventy-five men at once and arrived at the camp at 2:20 p. m., surrounding them, and in ten minutes after our arrival captured one officer, thirteen men and killed six, two getting away. I was well rewarded in my first engagement with the control was took twenty-one Mansur rifles, 2,000 We also took twenty-one Mansur rifles, 2,000 we also took twenty-one Mansur rines. 2,000 mings, district cierk; delegates judicial controlled of ammunition, ten boxes of hard tack, five cases of canned meat, as well as camp equipage and \$375 in gold. The latter was very acceptable in this stage of the

"I returned to headquarters and turned over the prisoners to General Macco, who gave me his blessings. We have daily encountered small bands of Spanish troops, annihilating them like you would grouse on a cold and frosty morning. Our first defeat was on July 5. Sergeant Wilson, formerly a private in the Fourth United States cavalry, after a two days' scout returned and reported seventy-five Spanish soldiers coming this way, escorting three government officers. this way, escorting three government officers. We started with eighty-five men, and instead finding seventy-five Spanish troops we ran into a hornet's nest of 2,000. V good men, among them Sergeant Joseph L. Rounds, formerly of the First United States cavalry, whose folks live at St. Louis, Mo. If I had plenty of men I would have shot Sergeant Wilson for not reporting the correct number of the enemy. I reduced him to the ranks, and since then it has been smooth sailing. We lost one man since July 5, and that was by fever. Our or is the best one in the Cuban army and looks after our welfare splendidly, God

"Our headquarters look like a large junk shop. We have everything from a pocket knife to a German repeating cannon without any ammunition. On August 26 we moved our headquarters thirty miles further north and the following day sent Lieutenant Hamilton with a detachment of twenty mer scout the country. He reported 00 Spanish troops encamped at a small town twenty-six miles south of us and that they were holding a fair or festival and were having horse races and bull fights. They had erected a large grand stand and the farmers and soldiers were in daily art tendance. We held a council of war and our chemist, Herr Donzlemann, suggested that we dress as farmers ten of our men and blow the grand stand up with dynamite. There was his first opportunity to si what he could do. They left camp at 5 a. and arrived at the camp of the Spanish troops at 12:30. He and the men mingled with the soldiers until 5 p. m. when he placed under the amphitheater twelve pounds of dynamite at four different locations and exploded it by electricity. Our men escaped, but the explosion killed two of the Spanish officers, sixty-eight men and wounded 113. That was the best day's work we have done Subsequently we have blown up bridges and razed to the ground all buildings on plan-tations of Spanish sympathizers.

"In my next I hope to be enabled to in-form you that the Lone Star flag is floating over the government buildings at Havana. Send my mail to Tampa, Fla., and also a batch of newspapers, as I have seen but one American paper since my arrival here Yours truly. EDWIN C. WATSON."

Falls City Brevitles. FALLS CITY, Neb., Oct. 5 .- (Special.)-Emma J. Gannt, wife of Hon. Amos E. Gannt, died today. She was born in Hancock county, Indiana, April 8, 1856, and removed with her parents to this city in 1859.

Mrs. A. E. Sanders and baby left Thursday for Liberty, where she will visit friends for S. Leyda will leave Monday for Grand

Island, where he goes to represent lodge 18 to the grand lodge, Knights of Pythias. George W. Brewster attended the deep water convention at Topeka Wednesday, J. S. Everts, formerly of this city, now of Chicago, is in the city visiting old friends.

Mrs. Kate Bell and daughter left for

Omaha Monday, where they will reside in the T. L. Himmelrich and wife are again resi-

dents of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. James Belford of Columbus
Grove, O., are in the city, visiting the family of A. Elwell. new Knights of Pythias hall will be

ready for occupancy in about a month. Just before moving into it the knights will give a fair and banquet lasting three days. To Care for Ashland's Poor.

ASHLAND, Neb., Oct. 5 .- (Special.)-Rev. C. P. Hackney has been reappointed city missionary. In his remarks before the council he stated that he would need \$25 per month during the coming winter for the needy poor, and requested the council to recommend the same to the county commissioners. The council agreed to the A surprise was given Dennis wife last night at their residence in East wife last night at their residence in East Asblant, a large delegation of the older settion of their marriage, which occurred thirty-nine years ago. Dennis Dean has lived in and over thirty years. The prayer meeting in town was held a house. He founded the First Baptist

church and erected the first flouring

in this section. At that time there was no grand.

mill west of the Missouri river in this sec-tion of the country. He founded the town of Saline Ford, which is now a part of Ash-land. He is enjoying the best of health. The guests enjoyed a hearty supper and a general good time.

NEBRASKA COUNTY CONVENTIONS Democrats and Populists of Several

Districts Hold Meetings. KEARNEY, Neb., Oct. 5.—(Special Telegram.)-About 150 democrats met in the city hall this afternoon for the purpose of putting a straight democratic county ticket in the field. None but pure Jeffersonian democrats were allowed places on the ticket, and resolutions were adopted condemning the policy of the present administration and favoring full coinage at 16 to 1. C. J. Phelps was endorsed for supreme judge. The county ticket nominated is as follows: Treasurer, James Boyd of Kearney; clerk district court, W. E. Jakway of Kearney; county clerk, J. T. Cul-

birt of Grant; county Judge, Warren Pratt of Kearney; sheriff, Peter Loft of Riverdale; coroner, E. C. Kretchmar of Sartoria; surveyor, H. F. McLaughlin of Kearney; super-litendent, August Ulrich of Elm Creek. NORTH PLATTE, Neb., Oct. 5 .- (Special elegram.)—The democratic county conventicket: Treasurer, Alexander Fisher of Wal-lace; county clerk, Henry L. Waish, North Platte; sheriff, Luke Haley, North Platte; superintendent, Miss Hosford, who is also the republican nominee; county judge, Beech in Nebraska, da know a full report of the doings of the the republican nominee; county judge, Beech Cuban revolution will be of interest to you I. Hinman, North Platte; clerk of the court, Frank A. Johnson of Medicine precinct. But the latest revival dates only to the middle thirteen persons took part in the deliberations of last month. J. S. Dillenbeck owns 700 nominated for commissioner of the Second district.

AURURN, Neb., Oct. 5 .- (Special Teleconvention assembled put forward the following ticket today: H. A. Lambert, county
judge; A. M. Enles, treasurer; H. E. Peery,
county clerk; William Watson, jr., sheriff;
S. L. Caldwell, clerk district court; Rev.
J. E. Harris, school superintendent; Dr. C.
L. Cook, coroner; G. I. Gilbert, surveyor;
J. I. Dressler, commissioner. The convention
was very harmonious and well attended.
They passed resolutions endersing the Omaha They passed resolutions endersing the Omaha platform; that no one in office should be a delegate to any of their conventions, and one endorsing Rev. J. E. Harris as trustee of the

Normal school in place of Church Howe, whose term has expired. FREMONT, Neb., Oct. 5 .- (Special Telegram.)—The populist county convention here today to nominate a county ticket. middle-of-the-road men wanted a straight ticket, but could not carry their point. The following nominations were made: Sheriff, Fred Howe; clerk, George Close; judge, T. Haurigan; surveyor, William Saunders. No nominations were made for clerk of district ourt, treasurer, coroner and county

intendent. There was not much strife for the nominations. TECUMSEH, Neb., Oct. 5.—(Special Telegram.)-At the county convention held in this city today the Cleveland democrats put up a county ticket as follows: Clerk, B. L. Fletcher; treasurer, Herman M. Ernest; judge, B. F. Perkins; sheriff, J. E. Benner; clerk district court, Frank Nail; superintendent public instruction, William Morris. The Bryan democrats also have a county ticket in the field.

BIG SPRINGS, Neb., Oct. 5 .- (Special Telegram.)—The populist county convention held today nominated sheriff, superintendent, surveyor and coroner. The positions of clerk and treasurer were left blank. This indipositions of clerk cates fusion with the democrats, BLAIR, Neb., Oct. 5.—(Special Telegram.)

The democrats of Washington county held their county convention here today, and it was one of the hottest ones held for years. It all grew out of the convention nominating the populists' candidate for superintendent of schools. The ticket: Louis Wachter, treasurer; R. Liverkus, clerk; Claus Mencke, sher-iff; E. H. Clark, judge; J. E. Hicks, superintendent of schools; Peter M. Tyson, surveyor; Dr. W. H. Palmer, coroner; John C. Ham-mings, district clerk; delegates judicial conshank.

OGALALLA, Neb., Oct. 5 .- (Special Tele gram.)-The democratic county convention met here today and appointed a county central committee, of which S. M. G. Bradley, an administration democrat, was made chairman, and then adjourned without naming a

HEMINGFORD, Neb., Oct. 5 .- (Special Telegram.)—The independents held their county convention here today and placed the following ticket in the field: Treasurer, S. B. Payne; superintendent, F. H. Ruhter; oner, G. W. Erb; surveyor, J. P. Hazard. Ruhter; cor-

Otoe County Tenchers. NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Oct. 5 .- (Special.) -The annual convention of the Otoe County Teachers' association opened in this city esterday with a good attendance. Last night Chancellor MacLean of the State unl sersity delivered an eloquent address at the Baptist church to a crowded house. Today an interesting program is being given at the High school building. The convention

s in the city arranging for the opening of business college.

W. Frederickson, who for many years past has been in business in this city, has disposed of his busienss and will leave for Omaha in a few days, where he will reside.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Zook last night entertained a large number of their friends at their home in this city in honor of the tenth

Prof. W. H. Barrett, late of Creston, Ia.

anniversary of their marriage. Berlin Business Changes

vill close tonight.

BERLIN, Neb., Oct. 5 .- (Special.)-Hillman & Flamme have sold out their north elevator to Fred Shrader of this place. Busch Bros. have dissolved partnership and gone out of business, having traded their stock of general merchandise to J. V. Egenberger of Plattsmouth. Ernest Musseman of the firm of Buckman & Musseman, saloon keepers, has sold out his half interest in the business, together with his residence, to Dick Bredenkan for \$1,800 and some valuable personal property. William H. Abker has sold the Orpliant saloon to Flamme & Wendels, Wenerty. iels also purchasing the Abker residence for \$1,200. C. H. Busch has moved the postoffic into the drug store of Dr. W. E. Hillis.

Assaulted Bob Coffin of Randolph. RANDOLPH, Neb., Oct. 5.-(Special Telegram.)-John Bowles of Randolph was ar rested today on complaint of Robert Coffin. charged with assault with intent to kill, and taken to Hartington for hearing. The case grew out of a racket between the two men, who are rival draymen. Wednesday afternoon the men had words and later Bowles attacked Coffin with a piece of water pipe. Timely interference saved serious quences and yesterday Coffin went to Hart-ington and made formal complaint. Bowles returned this evening, having given bonds for \$500 for his appearance Friday for pre-liminary hearing. It is thought by some that the case may be settled before it goes farther.

Impersonated an Officer. CHADRON, Neb., Oct. 5 .- (Special Telegram.)-During the performance of a minstrel show at Nelson's opera house. Street Commissioner D. W. Sperling was arrested for impersonating an officer. Sperling had dug up an old copper star and on the strength of it had his family and self admitted. He was so officious in keeping order around the house that he was even going to throw one of the regular policemen down stairs. At this juncture City Clerk Leager stepped in tinue i until Tuesday next and he was liberated

under bonds until that time. Appreciate a Good Paper. NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Oct. 5 .- (Special.) -J. H. Pierce of The Bee, who has been in the city several days, left last night. Dur ing his short stay Pierce succeeded in adding over sixty new subscribers to the already large list. The Bee's special train brings The Bee into the city several hours before any other state daily, and that this fact is greatly appreciated by all citizens is shown by the liberal patronage it receives, more Bees being received daily than the World-Herald and Lincoln Journal combined.

Denel County Fair Closed. BIG SPRINGS, Neb., Oct., 5 .- (Special Telegram.)-The Deuel County Fair association closed a three days' session here last night. It was a complete success and good races were pulled off. The people were addressed yesterday by Hon. L. B. Rector of Ogalalla and Hon. H. M. Grimes of North Platte. In the speeches irrigation was highly ex-The exhibit in the floral hall

LINCOLN GOLD EXCITEMENT

Yellow Treasure Found in Large Quantities Near Milford.

LAND VALUES SUDDENLY INCREASED

Several Persons Make Heavy Par chases and Are Satisfied They Have a Good Thing in Placer Mines.

LINCOLN, Oct. 5 .- (Special.)-Lincoln peo ple are somewhat excited over what purports to be a find of gold within three miles of Milford. For several days rumors have the Burlington railroad. But it was not un-be burled from St. Patrick's church. til a pawnbroker invested in a forty-acre Rev. W. H. Buss of the Congregational til a pawnbroker invested in a forty-acre tract of land three miles from Milford, and brought some of the sand to Lincoln that Lincoln citizens really began to take stock

There are many traditions of gold finds the latest revival dates only to the middle of the mass convention. Peter F. Dolan was acres in the Milford vicinity indicated. The old Burlington sand pit is located on this piece of land. It was here Dillenbeck began gram.)—The populists of Nemana county in prespecting. In due time he had some of convention assembled put forward the follow-W. C. Winger, assayer, of Denver writes that one specimen ran \$196 in gold dust to the Another ran \$162, and still another to Then Dellenbeck brought some to Prof. Nicholson of the State university. This

ascayed \$76 to the ton.
As an indication that Dellenbeck was not "salting" a mine, it is on record that im-mediately following the glowing reports of he assayers he bought 120 acres more adjoining his already large possessions, instead of booming it for all it was worth and then unloading. But he did attempt to interest capital for the purpose of development. One of the Lincoln parties let into the secret was David Nefsky, a pawnbroker, who had money. Jules Baros owned a forty-acre tract in the gold belt, and Nefsky decided that he wanted it. Before purchasing, however, he secured several bags of sand and gravel from various portions of it, himself making selection of the locations. These he took to Prof. Nicholson for assaying and was assured that it ran in gold and silver combined, chiefly gold, \$132.20 a ton. Then Nefsky closed with Baros for \$1,200, or \$30 an acre

OTHERS WANTED A SHARE. Prior to Nefsky being let into the secret Dillenbeck had told Banker H. T. Jones of Seward. The latter immediately purchased an adjoining tract of land from Philip Stoltz. Banker Shadduck of Milford also hustled around and bought an eighty-acre tract of Farmer Radke, paying only \$30 and tract of Farmer Radke, paying only \$20 an are for it. Tals was on September 16. Dil-mbeck bought his additional 120 acres on the 18th and Nefsky bought out Baros on the 26th.

In that vicinity land has experienced a

sudden rise, whether fictitious or not. Yes-terday one farm changed hands for \$12,000, at the rate of \$75 an acre. People in the neigh-borbood are digging holes into the territory sorbood are digging holes into the territory and actively prospecting for gold. The lowest assay so far reported is \$56 a ton.

This morning the following letter, written with a pencil in a scrawling hand, bearing

date of October 4, was received by a local paper:
"Allow me to inform you that we got well

paid for helping to dump that we got well paid for helping to dump that hill of sand to Dave Nefsky, a pawnbroker of your city, as a gold mine. We like to sell him another gold mine that we will soon have at West Lincoln, as \$1,200 is a good price to pay for forty acres of sand. Yours in haste, SCHEMER. Our address is G. D., Rockford, Ill.

Nefsky was at once interviewed by a re-porter. He was found bending over a small tin pan. With this he was washing some of the gravel from his new "farm". Until shown the letter he was uncommunicative. He shown the letter he was uncommunicative. He proncunced it the work of a rival pawn-broker. He exhibited copies of certificates of assays, and declared himself perfectly satisfied with his purchase from a gold mining standpoint. He said he had been asked repeatedly what he would take for it, and had replied that when he concluded to sell the price would be but \$10 an acre, but that would be a long time yet. He would not take today \$100,000 for his "farm."

Then he exhibited a number of bags of sand and gravel which had come from his new purchase. Then, bringing out a small wine glass, with a lead pencil he fished up out of some acid in the bottom of the glass a small, yellow particle, about the width of a head of a

low particle, about the width of a head of a out of a placer mine in California. Nefsky intimated that a number of Lincoln capitalists had got on the inside of this deal and were anxious to buy more land. For the were anxious to buy more land. For the present the gold fever is on in Lincoln and growing to an alarming extent. It is said that the drift in which it is claimed this metal is found extends all through southern Nebraska and down into Kansas. Sand that rields free gold at the rate of \$5 a ton can

e mined with profit. EXCISE BOARD'S TROUBLE It is claimed by parties who stand very close to the excise board that the admin-istrative axe will before long be extensively

istrative axe will before long be extensively used in the police department. Two of the officials who are said to be slated for retirement are Chief of Police Melick and Day Captain Hoagland. It is said that the chief must give way to Jesse Moore and that Hoagland. and's place will be given to some one more in active sympathy with the present admin-istration. Mayor Graham refuses to discuss the situation, as he does not consider it ripe for publication. The meeting of the excise board Tuesday night will likely develop mat-

In district court today one woman openly rebelled against being made the custodian of her husband's property in order to beat his creditors. Mrs. Anna Swanson is this peculiar woman. She said that she is the vic tim of a conspiracy to force her to becomthe owner of some suburban property she does not want. She says that last sum-mer her husband told her that one Oleson had deeded her the property, which is now wanted by John Warner. She disclaimed all nterest in it, and the court gave a de of foreclosure against her husband for

\$2,054.30 Josephine Ecklund secured a verdict of \$900 against Charles Schwartz, under the liquor damage clause of the Slocum law. In district court today Schwartz urged the plea that the verdict was contrary to law and ex-cessive. The court has the case under ad-

Today C. M. Rudge withdrew his name from the Bryan democratic ticket as can-didate for county treasurer. In place of ex-Mayor A. H. Weir, who withdrew from the populist ticket for the same office, Hiram Polly has been named.

J. A. Conway, chairman of the executive committee of the Vicksburg, Miss., Board of frade, has written a letter to Governor Hol-comb advising him of a meeting of the westwaterways convention, to be held at Vicksburg October 22 and 23. The governor requested to name delegates from Nebraska and will compile a list within a

few days. Omaha people in Lincoln: At the Lindell-Theodore Sachs, A. W. Clark, W. S. Hel-phrey, L. W. Snaw, At the Capital—E. A. Hamilton, A. F. Wilkins, At the Lincoln—W. T. Gardner, R. C. Jordan, J. L. Farthing, W. H. Minton, W. H. McCree.

Plainview House Closed. PLAINVIEW, Neb., Oct. 5 .- (Special Telegram.)-The Plainview house was closed today under a chattel mortgage given by the proprietor to the Bank of Plainview. ettlement may be agreed upon to enable the

house to remain open, but until such agree-

ment is reached, Plainview will be without a

hotel. Diphtheria at Blair. BLAIR, Nels., Oct. 5 .- (Special Telegram.)-The Board of Health met in the mayor's office tonight and ordered the residences of Adam Rodels and Mrs. Mather formally quarantined, and will cause a preclamation to be issued to guard against the spread of

liphtheria. So far there are only two cases. Sherman County Fair Closed. LOUP CITY, Neb., Oct. 5 .- (Special.) The best fair ever held in Sherman county closed here last night. The exhibits were of the very best and the speed ring and ath-

The principal feature of the fair was the lake on the grounds armade by the Sherman County Irrigation a Water Power and Improvement company. on which a great many enjoyed their first boatsride taken in the state of Nebraska.

Affairs no Fremont.
FREMONT, Oct. 5: (Special.)—Hon. E. Schurman returned Joday from Topeka, where he has been attending the deep water convention, and expressed himself as well pleased with the result accomplished. He is confident that much good to this section of the country will result from the pro-

Dr. R. D. McDonald, who has been en gaged in the practice of medicine here for the past nine years, will return to his former residence in Canada. Dr. McDonald and wife were prominent in church and social affairs and will be much missed in this city. Wallace Murray, the 14-year-old son of Captain James Murray of this city, died in Omaha yesterday. A few weeks ago he be-came overheated while riding a bicycle. He gradually became worse and was taken to Omaha for treatment. His remains were

church left yesterday for Syracuse, N. Y., to attend the National Association of Congregational churches, as a delegate from the Nebraska association. Farmers have commenced husking corn There are many traditions of gold finds and are, as far at reported, much discour-in Nebraska, dating back thirty years. But aged over the corn crop. It is not turning out nearly as well as expected, and it is doubtful if there is much over half a crop in the county, though it may go two-thirds. Work has commenced gathering beets. The

crop is turning out fully as well as expected. Know Where to Get the News. CREIGHTON, Neb., Oct. 5 .- (Special.)-A town this week and found many of the best business men wanting that paper, for the reason, as they say, that The Bee is the only newspaper in this western country, and,

as many of them expressed it, after trying other papers, they go back to The Bee feeling sure it will fill every want.

L. L. Hicks and daughter Bertha, who have been visiting here for some time, left yesterday for their home in Chicago, where they will make preparations to move here permanently. Mr. Hicks is much pleased with the country and has purchased several hundred acres of land near Craighton The members of the Modern Woodmen camp had charge of the ceremonies of insti-

tuting a lodge of that order at Plainview Monday night. The "scap fakir" who is doing the state and receiving so much free advertising through the country press visited Creighton this week and did a good business. He deals only with "the lady of the house sells a box of soap, which would probably retail for 15 cents, for \$1, which must be paid at once, and gives the purchaser a very nice side issue, such as a beautiful lamp or set of china ware, which is to follow in a few days. But in every case where he has sold soap the article chosen has

soldiers' and Sailors' Home Dedication MILFORD, Neb., Oct. 5 .- (Special.)-The branch Soldiers' and Sailors' Home at Milford will be dedicated Tuesday. The exercises will commence at 2 p. m. A special train will run from Lincoln, leaving that place at 1:30 p. m., and returning in the even-ing. All friends of the veteran soldiers who can are expected to attend. These exer-cises, together with the gold excitement, will attract a large crowd to the Saratoga of the west on that day.

never come.

Morrison's Case Continued. CHADRON, Neb., Oct. 5 .- (Special Telegram.)-Today, at the request of the attorneys in the case, the hearing of the motion for a new trial of Arthur Morrison, found guilty of the murder of A. V. Harris at Crawford and penalty fixed, at death, was postponed until the December term of the district court by Judge Bartow,

LINCOLN'S SOCIAL SIDE.

LINCOLN, Oct. 5 .- (Special.)-The Nebraska Federation of Women's Clubs was the event of the week. Still "there were others." The first large dancing party of the season was given by the young ladies of the State Rev. J. W. Jennings was also transferred to university, and the reception given to Lieutenant Pershing Tuesday evening in repre sentative hall was a brilliant and notable event. The lieutenant left last week for his new post in the northwest. The reception was a joint effort by the university battalion and the Pershing Rifles. In his work at the university he has accomplished splendid results and fairly earned the admiration and good will of young men. Handsome decorations, charming music, pretty girls and fetching gowns blended to make the hall very striking and attractive. Hundreds of guests enjoyed an opportunity of meeting the new chanceller, Prof. MacLean, for the first time. Captain Guilfoyle, the successor of Lieutenant

Pershing, was also present.

Miss Stella Rice begins the season as organist at Trinity Episcopal church tomorrow. She has been spending the summer with her mother in Icwa. Miss Rice has been the organist at the Episcopal church for years and to people are glad to welcome her back. Mr. Otto Wittmann left Wednesday for New York. On his way he will stop in Chicago and will probably see his bruther, Joseph, who, with his partner, Mr. Stack, was engaged to perform at the opening of the At-

lanta fair. Mr. Hans Christian Peterson, formerly instructor in English literature at the uni-versity, is touring Germany and Denmark on He expects to receive a degree in

English literature in Leipsic.
J. W. George and Charles Thomson left for Denver on their wheels Wednesday. They expect to reach Denver by Sunday, and Mrs. leorge left Lincoln Saturday to join her husband.

Mrs. Shears and Miss Mame Carson drove overland to Brownville this week. Any one who has seen those wooded bluffs in the clory of autumn will envy them their trip. The engagement of Mr. Francis Tucker to Miss Emma Boose is announced. Both young people are well known in university and Young Women's Christian association circles Miss Elinor Raymond left on Monday for Miss Armstrong's academy in Cincinnati, O., in which she will continue her studies this

Last evening Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Ogden chaperoned a merry party of young peo-ple, who drove out to Ensign's farm and lunched and danced. Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Barber of the Nance County Journal were the guests of Mrs. Emma B. Manchester during the state con-

D. N. Lehmer, a university graduate and recently of Johns Hopkins university, is in town visiting his sister, Mrs. Prey.

Mr. John Cattle and Mrs. D. C. McKillip were the guests of Mrs. T. J. O'Connell during the meeting of woman's clubs.

George Sheldon and wife were in town the first of the week visiting old friends and attending the republican convention.

A. M. Smith received a telegram Wednes-

day notifying him of the sudden death of his mother at Kirksville Mo. Katharine Kleutch's visitor, Minnie Bowman, went back to her home in yesterday. Omaha Clem Kimerer left yesterday for Galveston,

Tex., where he will spend the winter with his mother.

Mrs. Anna Eggart, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Crandall, has returned to her home in Chicago. 1101 Jared G. Smith, who has been visiting his

here, left on Tuesday for Washing-Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Smith and Miss Phelan of Alliance left for home Thursday evening. Dean Burks is visiting in St. Louis.

She will be absent several months.

Mrs. R. E. Moore entertained Miss Irene
Bryne and Mrs. Henry Nott of Omaha. Miss Cora Larimire of Falls City visiting friends in Lincoln this week. John L. Farewell of Claremont, N. H. visited at C. C. Burr's Wednesday.

Mrs. A. L. Hoover left on Wednesday for Hutchinson, Kan Oscar Funke of Omaha was in town this week.

Dr. E. H. Eddy will sail for Europe October 10. Flour Mill Destroyed by Fire.

FORT COLLINS, Colo., Oct. 5 .- The Colo rado Milling and Elevator company's flour mill and elevator were burned early today. of the very best and the speed ring and ath-letic competition was highly satisfactory. The origin of the fire is not known.

LAYMEN SEEKING EQUALITY

Ask for the Same Representation as the Clergy in the General Conference.

STATISTICS OF NEBRASKA METHODISM marks the career of Lieutenant Colonel John BREEZY PAPERS BY BRIGHT THINKERS

Annual Report Filed by the Presiding Elders-Pledges Received for the Support of the Wesleyan University.

FREMONT, Neb., Oct. 5 .- (Special.)-The service. symen's conference of the Methodist Episcopal church yesterday afternoon elected the lowed mercantile pursuits when he first came following delegates to the general confer- to America, but the unexplored west offered ence: J. D. King of Wayne and T. L. great temptation, and he enlisted as a private Mathews of Fremont. J. C. Cortelyou and in the regular army in 1857. At the time of John Dale of Omaha were elected alternates. There were not as many candidates for the position among the laymen as among the clergymen. Memorials to the general conformation of the clergymen and served as adjutant general during the reconstruction period following the close of the war. Western and frontier duty for ference were adopted for the admission of several years found him engaged in legal women and for the granting of equal representation and authority with clergy to the lay members of the general conference.

There were a large number of visitors There were a large number of visitors served as assistant to the judge advocate gen present in addition to the regular delegates, eral of the army in the War department and as the conference was not in session, many of the clergymen who were not busy Elkhorn has put in a switch at the Chau-tauqua grounds, which saves the farmers a haul of two miles. The reports are that the laymen had to say, though they had no right to take any part in the deliberations of with committee work came in to hear what He is a member of the Century club of New the laymen had to say, though they had no York and is a man of character and agree that body.

The meeting last evening was devoted to a consideration of the cause of education, and particularly of the Nebraska Wesieyan university at Lincoln. Chancellor Crook was the principal speaker. He spoke of the university as a home institution, as belonging to the Methodist church and deserving their patronage. The institution is denominational, but not sectarian not subject to passion or practicularly. representative of The Omaha Bee was in particularly of the Nebraska Wesieyan university at Lincoln. Chancellor Crook was the principal speaker. He spoke of the university as a home institution, as belonging to the Methodist church and deserving their patron age. The institution is denominational, but ot sectarian, not subject to passion or prejudice, but advances with the progress of the church. The faculty, he said, was an excelchurch. The faculty, he said, was an excel-lent one, and tuition is free—a fee of \$8 a semester only being charged.

Dr. T. C. Clendenning, who has charge of the finances of the Wesleyan university, was then introduced, and made a stirring address.

Methodism, said the doctor, has been closely identified with the cause of Christian educa-tion. Wesley was thoroughly educated, considering the age in which he lived. The name Methodist came from the methodical study of God's word by its first ministers. The Methodist church has a larger number of educational institutions than any other branch of the Protestant church. It has ten nore colleges than any other denomination At the close of the address pledges were re-ceived for the support of the university and collection taken for the same purpose.

LECTURE TO YOUNG CLERGYMEN.

The morning session opened at 8 o'clock with the devotional exercises, led by Rev. J. R. Gearhart. At 8:30 the bishop de-livered the third of his series of lectures to he younger clergy on the subject of "How o Make a Sermon." It was like all the other addresses of the bishop, plain and intensely practical, and was listened to with marked attention. These morning lectures by the bishop are considered by the clergy as one of the most valued features of the conference. The business sestion was called to order by Bishop J. P. Newman at 9 o'clock. Rev. Thomas P. Donnelly was placed on the supernumerary list.

The report of the proceedings of the lay onference was then received, and the lay delegates elected to the general conference, T. L. Mathews of Fremont and J. D. King of Wayne, were given seats in the conference, and short, well-worded speeches were made by members of the lay conference. The greater part of the morning hour was aken up with hearing the reports of the

were in regard to the various departments of church work and of the conditions of the funds belonging to the conference. The re-ports were received and adopted. The bishop announced the transfer to this conference of Revs. McGarns, McNeil and Cheeseman; the transfer from this conference to the Black Hills conference of Dr. J. W. Robinson and Revs. G. H. McAdam and

William Van Buren; to the western Ne-

various standing committees. These reports

this conference committee conference recommended that Rev. tions a Methodist clergyman, be admitted to this from Armenia, this conference and transferred to the west braska conference. The report was approved by the bishop and adopted by the conference. The afternoon session was presided over by

Dr. J. W. Shank. The committee on hospital reported in favor of the conference pledging its aid and assistance to the hospital. Report was adopted. Rev. C. N. Dawson reported of the work done and the needs and necessities of the hospital, The gross expenses, including indebtedness, have been paid. The most urgent need is for a better building. The deaconesses, who are the nurses, receive no pay for their services. The committee on periodicals reported in favor of memorializing the general conference to make the Omaha Christian Advocate a

- FIRST TO REPORT. The Norfolk district is the first one to furnish a full statistical report. Numbe probationers reported from the district, Number of number of members, 2,995; number of children baptized during the conference year, 111; number of adults baptized, 311; number of Sunday schools, 51; Sunday school teachers, 551; scholars, 3,954; number of churches, 40; valuation of churches, \$69,690; number of par-

branch of the Book Concern.

sonages, 22; valuation, \$17.450. Report of the Epworth league for the dis-Number of chapters, 25; active memtrict: bers, 749; associate members, 263; increase in membership for the conference year, 302; number of junior leagues, 13; number of nembers, 513; increase in membership, 146. The following are the statistical repor from the four presiding elder districts: Neligh district: Number of probationary members, 402; full members, 1,915; number of children baptised, 48; adults baptised, 285; number of Sunday schools, 42; Sunday school teachers, 382; churches, 29; valuation, \$41,300; pirsonages, 16; valuation, \$11,550. Grand Island district: Number of probationary members, Grand Island district: Number of probationary members, 427; full members, 3.475; children baptised, 124; adults baptised, 304; Sunday schools, 59; Sunday school teachers, 600; number attend-ing Sunday school, 3,874; churches, 32; valuation of church property, \$82,200; parsonage

22; valuation, \$24,500.
Omaha district: Number of probationers, 468; full members, 4,310; children baptised, 126; adults baptised, 321; Sunday schools, 39; Sunday school teachers, 556; Sunday school scholars, 4,247; churches, 36; valuation, \$279, 650; parsonages, 14; valuation, \$18,900; whole number of probationers in the conference, 1,756; decrease, 83; full members show an increase of 808; adults baptised, 1,221, increase 01; Sunday schools, 191; increase, 2; Sunday school teachers, 2,089; increase, 73; Sunday school scholars, 14,468; increase, 210; churches, 137; increase, 1; valuation of church property, \$487,750; decrease, \$5,747; parson ages, 74; increase, 3; valuation, \$72,700. The comparisons are with the figures of last year. Financial report: For mission, \$3,919; decrease, \$129; for church extension, \$392; derease, \$153; for Freedman aid, \$310; decrease, \$94; for educational objects, \$372; increase, \$888; pastors's salary, Neligh, \$92.45; pastor's salary, Grand Island, \$14.110; pastor's salary, Norfolk, \$15,650; pastor's salary. Omaha \$20,475; total receipts for pastoral support \$61,840, including house rent; decrease, \$5,730; support of presiding elders, \$4,646; decrease, \$301; support of bishops, \$250; decrease, \$33. The smallest salary received by lay clergynen in the conference was \$100; the larges \$3,600, with \$520 for house rent.

Felling Trees with Gun Cotton. The iumbermen of Sweden, Norway, Russia and several other countries across the waters, as well as those of British Columbia, Canada, Montana, Wyoming, Minnesota, Wis-consin and Michigan have a way of felling forest giants which beats anything that car be done with an axe in the hands of the most experienced woodman. It is one of the most simple operations imaginable and con-stats of binding a series of compressed cakes of gun cotton around the tree trunk with a small copper wire. To this wire a battery of sufficient strength is attached and at the proper moment a current of electricity is turned on which explodes the gun cotton. The force of such an explosion has the ef-fect of felling the tree instantly, the several portions of the trunk being almost as smoothly divided as though the work had been done by a mr. been done by a sar.

IN DEATH'S SHADOW.

States army is a remarkable step, yet it

A. Claus, who has just retired from fiv-

years' service as professor of law at West

Point, and relieves Major Groesbeck as judge

advocate of the Department of the Missouri.

Colonel Claus has been admitted to the bar

of the United States supreme court, relates

the Chicago Tribune, and is considered one

A German law student, young Claus fol

In 1890 he was assigned as professor of law

at West Point, and in February, 1892, promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel

A remarkable and tragic story of the

attention until the sergeant suddenly cried "Corrigan has killed me," and all was still.

heart, while Corrigan himself stood by covered with blood. He seemed dazed and unable to comprehend the situation, but as soon as he was placed under arrest denied any knowledge of the stabbing. He protested

his innocence, but the evidence was so plain that he was speedly convicted of murder

by the court-martial and the finding for-warded to Washington for approval.

The war broke out and the company joined

ts regiment and entered the campaign as a

part of the Army of the Potomac. The court-martial finding had been pushed aside in the

tremendous press of business, and Corrigan still remained with his company. Strange as it was, Private Corrigan shouldered his

musket and fought bravely at every engage-ment, to return to the guard house as a con-demned murderer whenver the company was

In camp. For over a year this went on and Corrigan was regarded by officers and men as one of the best soldiers in the regiment. But all this time the dread suspense was there, and more than Corrigan felt it.

Just before Meade succeeded Hooker in the command of the army the gavernment tele.

be carried out. It was then Wednesday, and Corrigan was to be executed Friday. The officer knew Corrigan well and determined to

break the news gently. Returning to camp he sent for the condemned man and at-tempted to approach the subject gradually.

But Corrigan anticipated him, and learning the truth beseeched the officer to plead for him, declaring earnestly and religiously that

he was innocent of the crime. He was piteous in his supplications, and it was de-termined to intercede in his behalf. With-

out hoping fer ultimate proof of the man'

innocence, there were many who believed that some strange injustice was being done

and officers of high rank signed a dispatch

requesting a stay of execution. This was granted by President Lincoln and was fol-

lowed not long after by a pardon. Corrigar

served through the war and was honorably

Blistering a Corpse.

consists of producing a blister on the hands, feet and some other exposed portion of the

body of the supposed corpse. The test is said

ter produced by the application of a lighted

candle, or red-hot iron, or fire in any form, is shown to contain water or a waterfish fluid

upon being opened, there is still life in the

body, and a burial under such circumstances would not be advisable. On the other hand,

should the blister be empty, or contain steam only, the sorrowing friends may rest assured

that the vital spark has flown, and that ther

In the Interests of Humanity.

and don't see how any well regulated family

will do all, and more than is claimed for it

This statement is not made in the interests of Chamberlain, but for humanity in gen-

your children are troubled with croup

Getting Even with the Wasp.

A man with a painful expression of coun-

enance sat on a dry goods box. "Are you

ill?" some one asked. "No." "Have you lost anything?" "Never had anything to

lose." "What's the matter, then?" "I'm sitting on a wasp." "Why don't you get up?" "Well, that was my first impulse, but I got to thinkin' that I was hurtin' the wasp

as badly as he was hurtin' me and concluded to sit here a while."

A Matter of Music.

A Woman's Blessing

When you have a cough or cold, or

The

Council Grove, Kan., writes: "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in my

can afford to be without it.

find it most excellent,

Mr. J. C. Padgett, editor of the Courier,

to be infallible for this reason: If the

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alive.

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same way."

able personality.

Romance of the Army Related by Licutenant Colonel Claus. From a private soldler in a regimental band on duty on the plains to a position of Work of the Federation of State Clubs Redistinction at the head of the law department viewed. of one of the great branches of the United

ADVANCED NEBRASKA WOMEN

some of the Social and Intellectual Fentures of the Second Annual . Meeting Just Closed at Capital City.

of the best lawyers in the government LINCOLN, Oct. 5 .- (Special.) -- The second meeting of the Nebraska Federation of Woman's Clubs opened its first session Thursday afternoon, October 3, at 2 o'clock, in the First Congregational church at Lincoln. The Lincoln women had tastefully decorated the interior of the auditorium. Over the pulpit, in green, bung the customary "Welcome," draped with corn-colored buntingthe federation's color. The flag of the nation was festooned upon the wall to the left. Elsewhere there were masses of palms and military cases were tried by him. Appointed by President Cleveland April 1, 1886, as judge advocate, with rank of major, he ferns, while the president's table was adorned with boquets of cream and crimson roses.

The church is said to be able to seat 600 persons, and there was not a vacant place in the house when the address of welcome, by Mrs. A. W. Field, president of the Lincoln City Federation of Woman's Clubs, was delivered. It was a neat little address, full of grace, cheer and cordiality. In response to this a letter was read from the absent president, Mrs. James H. Canfield. Mrs. Ellen M. Henrotin, president of the General Federation of Woman's Clubs, was unable to be present on account of illness in her family. This was a disappointment, but even this was soon forgotten under the spell of eloquent Mrs. Sawyer. Her address on "The Home of the Future" was one of the most original and inspiring productions of a session replete with able efforts. The ability to stand before Lieutenant Martin, who later became a colonel, and died in Chicago while serving as judge advocate of the Department of the Missouri Thorago a large audience, without manuscript or notes, and discourse earnestly, fluently and logically Missouri. There was a pronounced spirit of dissension between the sergeant of the comis a gift Mrs. Sawyer shares with but few

other members of the federation.

Many papers, giving evidence of careful pany and a private named Corrigan. There was no attempt made to conceal the dislike each had for the other and there were frequent disturbances, more or less serious. Matters reached a climax one night when research and preparation, were read during the two days the federation was in session. Of these the titles only can be glanced at. Mrs. Lena Chase of Weeping Water read a breezy paper on "As Others See Us;" Miss the men were in their quarters and the lights were out. A scuffle ensued between the sergeant and Corrigan, but no one paid any Irene Byron of Omaha one on "Opposition to Realism;" Mrs. A. W. Roseman of Fremont on "Some Things that Might Be Different;" Miss Eyster of Crete on "The Cultivation of Taste for the Beautiful." Lights were hurriedly struck and the ergeant was found dead, a knife belonging o Corrigan sticking in his chest above the

WEST WITH THE EAST.

Dr. Spottiswood of Orange, N. J., spoke for a few minutes of club work in the east. She pleased the members very much by de-claring that she could find no sharp line of difference between the woman of the east and those of the west. Dr. Spottiswood has never been west before, but during a vaca-tion spent upon the Maine coast she met one who she considered must be a typical western woman. She was bright, breezy, energetic and had a merry, contagious laugh. Surely, she was of the west. Inquiry, however, divulged the astonishing fact—she came from classic Boston.

A number of the delegates were invited to read the two-minute report of their clubs.

Mrs. D. C. McKellip of Seward delivered her's in rhyme, to the enjoyment of all. Several other reports showed considerable orig-inality in presentation. After a motion had prevailed to discontinue the reading of the reports, because of lack of time, Mrs. Peattle, acting president, asked the federation's indulgence that she might hear the report of the Violet club of Holdrege. Miss Katie Hymer came forward and read a report as command of the army the government took action on the court-martial. Corrigan was part of Lieutenant Claus' command attached to Meade's division. Lieutenant Claus was modest as its author, and her club's name-sake. This little club consists of fourteen girls. The youngest member is 14 years old and the eldest is 18. They hold regular meetcalled to headquarters and informed that the president had approved the finding of the court-martial and the sentence of death must have missed much had not the president's

tact called forth this report.

The federation is composed of forty clubs and represents over 2,000 women. Each club was represented at this gathering by one or more delegates. The register showed that twenty-four different towns were represented. Of the presidents, who compose the board of directors, there were thirty present. There were between fifty and sixty delegates, and over sixty visitors.

The constitution provides for a nominating ommittee, who shall present two names for ach office. Upon these the delegates ballot, n this manner the following officers were

President, Mrs. A. W. Field of Lincoln; vice president, Mrs. Belle Stoutenburg, Plattsmouth; secretary, Miss Hascal, Stromsburg; reasurer, Mrs. Roseman, Fremont; auditor, Mrs. O. A. Abbott, Grand Island.

But the strange case did not end there Three years ago Colonel Claus was walking along Broadway. New York, when he was ac-WILL HAVE A LIBRARY. The principal matter of discussion of the costed by a man whose face was famillar session was upon the subject of a circulating library. Mrs. Stoutenburg of Plattsmouth It was Corrigan. He said that he had sought the opportunity for some time of proving to the friends who had saved him that he was ably championed this project, and was assisted by Mrs. Harris, Mrs. McMurphy, Mrs. innocent of the murder of the company sergeant. A paper was produced, proving to be a deathbed confession, attested by a Towne and others. Many of the clubs are quite beyond the reach of public libraries, and the books that are needed for study and referpriest, in which the statement was made that removed the last shadow of doubt from Corence are not to be obtained. A resolution was adopted providing for a committee of five igan. The dving man said he also hated the sergeant, and the night of the scuffle and to be appointed by the president, two of whom shall be from the cities and three from smaller towns, who shall draw up outlines of murder saw an opportunity for revenge. Corrigan had left his knife on a bench near study in English literature, English, French and German history, sociology and art, and the door. In a moment he secured it, and sneaking behind the sergeant, reached over have power to purchase such books as shall be deemed necessary to carry on these als shoulder and delivered the death blow Everything was so plain at the time that be deemed necessary to carry on these Corrigan was permitted to bear the guilt and studies. These outlines will be offered to penalty. Corrigan is now a prosperous busi-ness man in New York. The War depart-ment records bear out the truth of this such clubs as are in doubt as to a course of study. This resolution also suggests that each member of the clubs which belong to the federation pay the small sum of 10 cents to add to this library fund. Such a contribution from Omaha will mean about \$50, from Lin-coln as much and from Fremont \$20; in all, a One of the so-called "unfailing tests of death," which has been introduced into sum of \$200 will thus be raised. France, Germany and Holland during the might be a small nucleus, a free will offering past few years, is known among the underwas taken at the last session and \$25 was thus "the blistering precaution," and obtained. Mrs. Elia W. Peattie was

custodian of the funds and possessions of the After some discussion, following a short talk on the subject by Mrs. Frank Heller of Omaha, it was decided to accept the invitation of the Crete Chautauqua assembly and hold there a mid-winter meeting. The officers were instructed to prepare a program for one day and evening. Many club women throughout the state will have access to this gathering that are unable to reach autumn meeting.

On. Thursday evening the City Federation of Lincoln gave a reception to the delegates at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. is no danger that the corpse is being "buried Sawyer. No pains were spared to make this a most happy occasion. The rooms were very full, but many pleasant acquaintances were made and much pleasant converse was enloved.

The Dovey children sang and were greatly

enjoyed. Mrs. Percy Ford of Omaha, Mrs. Thomas N. Miller and Mrs. Joseph Wurzburg added to the evening's entertainment by furnishing musical numbers. There are four points worthy of especial remark in this meeting of the federation, whooping cough, give it a trial. You will which will make it long remembered by all: First-The variety and unquestioned exellency of every number of the program

Second-The sympathetic attention of large and unusually intelligent audiences. Third-The perfect grace, dignity and happy tact of Mrs. Peattie, the presiding officer, "Never had anything to the matter, then?" "I'm Fourth-The magnificent generosity, kindliness and hospitality of the ladies of Lin-

coln. A Tame Humming Bird. A tame humming bird, which had been domiciled at Mr. and Mrs. Whitten's, near

the camp ground station, at Old Orchard, all

house, says the Detroit Free Press. "Got a new plane, I hear," said the man over the back fence to his neighbor "Yes. Got it on the installment plan."
"Is that so? Wender if your daughter can't let us have the music from it in the

A Third street man's neighbor had bought summer, is still an object of wonder and summer, is still an object of wonder and interest, relates the Lewiston (Me.) Journal, to many prople who call to watch the movements of this diminutive pet. The bird has become perfectly domesticated, and has been allowed to fly in and out of the house at pleasure by a window that has been left open for it. It is one of the family, and enjoys its privileges as such. By night it perches on a piece of clothes line strung in new plane and the daughter had been banging away on it ever since it had been in the enjoys its privileges as such. By night it perches on a piece of clothes line strung in the kitchen, and on rainy days flutters about among the plants and flowers in the house. Recently it disappeared and was gone fifteen days, but one morning its hostess heard the familiar tap of the tiny bill on the window was and admitted "hirty" and it has since My only child was dangerously sick for four days with cholers infantum. Our best doctor could not help her. We concluded to try Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. After the third dose she was out of danger, and at this writing is out playing. May God bless the manufacturers of this medicine, for their efforts to do good. Mrs. David H. Allen, Fasetteville, N. Y.